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G. W. BALL,
M. W. GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN IOWA.

OUR GRAND MASTER.

George Washington Ball was born June 7, 1847, in Jefferson county, Iowa. He is a lawyer by profession. He was elected county attorney of Johnson county in 1892, and was relected in 1894. He has served as a member of the Iowa City Council 1881-3, and was a representative from his county in the 21st General Assembly. He was married January 1, 1880, to Estella E. Ball, at Indianola. They have three sons and one daughter. Our Grand Master is a member of the M. E. Church and has been on the official board for the last 18 years. He has been a member of the board of Curators of the State Historical society for eight years past. He is one of the directors of the First National Bank of Iowa City.

He was educated in the public schools, with two terms in a private school of Fairfield, and one year at I. W. U. of Mt. Pleasant. He took his law course in the Iowa University, graduating in June, 1870. He began the practice of law in Des Moines in December, 1870, continuing there until 1874, when he came to Iowa City where he now resides.

His masonic career may be summed up in the following outline:

Initiated in Iowa City Lodge No. 4, May 4, 1875, passed June 11, 1875, and raised July 14, 1875. He was S. W. 1876-7; W. M. 1878-80, and filled the office of Secretary for several years. He was elected J. G. Warden in 1887; appointed D. G. M. in 1891 and was elected Grand Master, June, 1895. He was exalted in Iowa City Chapter No. 2, June 10, 1876, and has received the Council degrees. He was Knighted in Palestine Commandery No. 2, Iowa City, May 23, 1877. He is a member of El-Kahir Temple, N. M. S. He was two years M. E. H. P. of his Chapter, and two years E. C. (1885-87) of his Commandery. He has served for several years on the Committee on Jurisprudence and on other committees of the Grand Lodge.

To speak of his personal worth would require much space and those who know him realize that he needs no praise to endear him as a gentleman to us all. His manner is kindly, discreet and dignified. He is a worthy successor to the Most Worshipful Grand Masters who have preceded him. We expect the interests of Freemasonry in Iowa to progress finely under his able direction.

CAN IT BE?

A very prominent English Freemason, in April last, said to our Grand Secretary, that he had visited the lodges at G. and M., two places only fifteen miles apart in Iowa; had seen the general work in both, and that there was more difference between the work of the two, than between that in London to which he belongs, and the one at M. We should hope that the visitor is greatly mistaken in his opinion, but we fear that some truth exists in the assertion that there is great difference in the work as done by various Lodges in our grand and growing jurisdiction. Wake up, somebody, and see that the laws of our Code on *inspection*, as laid down in Section 230 are inforced.

Dr. Parvin informs us that the first information we have of Masonic ceremonials at funerals and corner stone laying, dates back only to 1786.

THE OFFICIAL MONITOR.

In our perambulations, we have several times noticed the variety of monitorial works in use, and we wondered if the brethren have overlooked the Constitution (Art. XI) on that subject. It plainly states that the Webb Work, unchanged "in work or lectures" is to be used. Section 2 would lead us to believe that it was regarded by the Grand Lodge of great importance since they there say, "In conferring the degrees of Masonry, the subordinate lodges are enjoined to a strict adherence to the work as authorized and taught in this jurisdiction."

LOYALTY.

We believe most heartily in loyalty to Masonic principles. Those well established and fully settled doctrines that bind our brotherhood man to man like the cement binds the stones of a building. We do not believe that Masonic Unity is conserved through endless controversy. To make the Order the medium of unprofitable contention for personal differences is unkind and cruel to the vast majority who love the peace and harmony of the craft. No one will more heartily concede the right of discussion and lawful effort to legislate in the proper way upon any subject of importance than we; but we do not believe that the rending of every dear tie of friendship in the contest is keeping the matter in due bounds. We believe in righting wrongs, however humiliating the recession may seem, when the good of the Order demands it. We believe in standing up for what is right though all may differ with us, where the right is well defined and of easy ascertainment. Loyalty does not always consist in agreeing with all the views and methods of other, but the greater and lesser lights of Masonry ought to illumine the darkest recesses of doubt, and no man truly honors his profession as a Mason who will not surrender to their dictation in all reasonable things. We make no plea for unmasonic concessions but only the clear and manly course that marks out the path of duty.

LAND MARKS.

Our modern spirits scarcely tolerate the restraints put upon the hasty advancement to which they are disposed, by the aged and honorable representatives of the last generation. For both sides of the subject there are some grounds of argument. Any careful scrutiny of Masonic history will discover the natural conservatism that their surroundings have led the fathers to assume, we say "assume" advisedly, for Masonic science, being progressive, has left to each succeeding generation the privilege of its imprint, it own indenture, and its worth decides whether it shall remain or perish amid the rubbish of the nest. With characteristic patriotism the Masters or overseers of the work have reluctantly laid aside even the unfinished portions to be naturally entrusted to those who came after them. The younger generation, after all, exemplifies the energy transmitted to them, with which old things passed away and most later things became new. We discover the very wordprints of the fathers in their adaptive progress from crude, unadvanced essentials to an elaborate and wordful ritualism, from the fewest landmarks to an immense and varied jurisdictional literature. The older men almost naturally view with suspicion the invasive forces that overwhelm their pioneer settlements with untold numbers. Old meets and bounds seem lost in the mazes of the modern style and we feel a kindly sympathy for the pathetic fear of the elders that the "ancient landmarks" might be lost. But, on second thought, that cannot happen, the fathers builded better than they knew; the original survey of Masonry will always be a living document in evidence; the immortal principles founded in the great light will always appeal to the manly admiration of the succeeding generations, and while time lasts, we older men can quietly resign the trusts committed to our care in the full confidence that, though men pass away, their works remain, and among these stand high and safe the land marks.

We deprecate all strife and bitterness among brethren of the same fraternity, and we do not express anything more than the fact when we say that no community can long survive a siege of manipulation to exalt one side and humble another by methods that have no justification, not even in the heat of disappointment at the promotion of another.

THE LODGES.

GRAND LODGES MEET.
Iowa, Boone, June 2, 1896.

BOARD OF CUSTODIANS, A. F. AND A. M. IN IOWA.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
CEDAR FALLS, June 27, 1895.

To the Masters, Wardens and Brethren of the Particular Lodges, A. F. and A. M., under Jurisdiction of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Iowa,

GREETING:—In accordance with the usual custom, as heretofore practiced, invitations or calls will be received from Lodges throughout the state, desiring the services of the Visiting Custodian to hold schools at places designated by them. These schools may be held by the individual Lodge or by Lodges in groups.

To expedite matters so far as laying out routes and reduce traveling expenses; Lodges will please forward their invitations as early in the Masonic Year as possible, giving their preference as to time and duration of schools to be held. The expense to Lodges visited will be the same as heretofore, viz.: *$2.50 and Hotel Bill for each day's attendance*, thereby serving all Lodges near by or remote at the same cost.

Should above charges be more than traveling expenses require; a pro rata rebate will be made to the Lodges contributing at the close of the year. Lodges that made calls last year, which for reasons could not be filled, also Lodges not heretofore visited will have preference as to time, provided applications are received on or before October 1, 1895.

Should special invitations be made, which would require attention outside of regular laid out routes, actual traveling expenses to and fro will be required.

Yours fraternally,

GEO. B. VAN SAUN,
Secretary Board of Custodians.
P. O. Address, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

ST. JOHN'S DAY.

June 24 was the date of this Masonic festival. It was our privilege to be with the Masonic brethren of Marion on this day and to say that the attendance was large would be to put it mildly indeed. The large Park or square was literally packed with men, women and children, full of good humored patience and friendliness. The order of exercises for the day was rendered as follows:

Assembly at Opera House at 9:30 a. m., form procession and march to park led by band.

Music by Centerville Military Band.
Prayer by Rev. Mr. Boyer, of Lovillia.
Music by Hiteman Glee Club.
Address of welcome, by Brother Austin Jay.
Solo by Prof. W. B. Powell, of Hiteman Glee Club.
Response by Brother W. J. Hastie, of Albia.
Music by Hiteman Glee Club.
Music by the Moulton Band.
Basket dinner in the park at noon. Bring your baskets well filled and let us make this part of our exercises a joy to the inner man.
Re-assemble at Opera House at 1:00 p. m.
Form Masonic procession at 1:15, march to park headed by Centerville Military Band, Knights Templars and ladies of the Order Eastern Star.
Music by Centerville Military Band.
Prayer by Brother Scolds, of Unionville.
Music by a double Quartette.
Address by Mrs. Hinkle, of Fairfield, Ia.
Address by John W. Geiger, of Marion.
Music by Hiteman Glee Club.
Recitation by Miss Emily Moses, of Hiteman.
Music by Centervillle Military Band.
Brother T. M. Master of Ceremonies.

We noted an escort of Knights Templar from Centerville, and any number of brothers from various parts of the country. It was the largest assembly of the kind we have ever attended. Masonry is alive down that way.

A quartette composed of J. W. Patterson, Prof. Stookey, Mrs. F. H. Hilliard, Miss Bessie Robinson, with Miss Edith Bailey at the Piano, rendered efficient service in music.

The Marion Band was also engaged.

This summer festival among Freemasons is becoming more popular each year, especially in Iowa.

AT SPIRIT LAKE.

The Northern Iowa Masonic Association held its annual meeting here, and Dr. Parvin, who was present and took the place of Sidney Foster, as the speaker of the day, informed us that the Chautauqua grounds where the exercises were held, were filled with a happy Masonic host, and that the interest continues unabated in this annual gathering on St. John's day. There were special trains on the railroads, with a picnic dinner.

LAKE VIEW.

The Northwestern Association held their annual picnic at the same place as last year. The day was fine and the attendance large; the orators were Rev. F. H. Sanderson, of Omaha, and Mrs. Maria Jackson, of Council Bluffs, both acquitted themselves with renown, and all were pleased. Special trains were a feature; two bands of music, picnic dinner and a full day of pleasure. The officers for next year are W. H. Hart, Sac City, President; C. H. Jump, Early, Secretary; F. A. Lust, Ida Grove, Treasurer.

MORAVIA.

Down here in southern Iowa, they know how to get together, and this pretty little city was simply packed when we arrived under appointment to speak in the afternoon. They had a Templar escort, bands of music and splendid vocal music. The local photographer took group pictures of the brethren, then of the O. E. S. ladies. We got in on the first, and the little women sat with the second. The program began at 9:30 a. m., and with the picnic dinner lasted until 5 p. m. Mrs. Hinkle, of Fairfield, and the writer, were the speakers from abroad. If anybody doubts the popularity of these gatherings he should have been in Moravia on June 24, where the park was closely packed with a hot and happy company of people who staid by us to the last minute.

CORNER STONE LAYING.

The Marion Masonic Temple is now under way of construction. On Thursday, June 27, the corner stone was laid by M. W., Geo. W. Ball, Grand Master of Iowa, assisted by his Wardens and other officers. The oration was by the Grand Master. Addresses were made by Grand Secretary Parvin, General Jones of Dubuque, and the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Edmundson, of Marshalltown. The attendance was quite large. Patmas Commandery 27, K. T., acted as escort.

In the evening the Masonic Library was thrown open and various of the illustrious visitors and Grand officers joined in the informal program with brief but interesting remarks.

The laying of the corner stone at Marion, is, we trust, but the beginning of the work that shall soon give to Cedar Rapids a Masonic Temple suited to the demands of the various concordant bodies there.

A MISTAKEN ECONOMY.

In examining the annals of the Grand Lodge of Iowa for 1895 we find that no provision has been made for the publication of the following important items this year:

1. The memorial tablets of the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions.
2. The list of deaths, reported by the Secretaries of local lodges in Iowa.
3. All the statistical tables, except the list of suspensions and expulsions, (these

last are ordered by the Code, or they too would be missing).

3. The portrait and biographical sketch of the Grand Master and others.

The statistical tables omitted, include the abstract of returns, called "The Schedule of returns of Lodges;" the list of Masters and Secretaries; the returns of Lodges under dispensation; the memoranda of Lodge changes; the list of Lodges by counties and towns, that should have been in this year. This we cannot help but feel is a mistaken economy and in the light of the amount of importance to the membership at large and the lodges in particular we hope it will not be done hereafter. If we must discriminate let it fall where less harm will be done, and we think it will not require a very sharp eye to look out where such could well be, rather than where it has happened this time.

SUMMER OUTINGS.

We cannot all go to the mountains, the lakes, or the sea side. Some must abide with the stuff and amid the hot and sweltering summer days toil on. Why not think of these toilers "in the mountains and the quarries" and get up a pleasant little basket picnic party to go to some convenient grove for a day once or twice during the summer. Take along the children, the swing ropes, the croquet sets, and a stock of good humor. Invite the best speaker in the neighborhood to address you; get the singers out; coax a violinist or a banjo player to go along; haul an organ along if you can; keep everybody in the ring for that day and if you don't go home at night the happier and wearier and sunnier for the outing, we'll miss our guess. Come now, brethren, get up something and let us know the results.

The Grand Lodge Trustees held a meeting at the Library building on June 27, 1895. All were present. Routine business was transacted.

THE GREAT BOSTON TRIP.

The time is near at when arrangements must be made for this trip if you want to go.

THE OFFICIAL ROUTE east from Chicago is the GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY, with its numerous attractive scenes and historic places and was selected with the following itinerary:

Leaving Iowa points August 21 so as to leave Chicago via the Chicago and Grand Trunk, at 3 p. m., August 22, arrive at Niagara Falls 7:30 a. m., August 23. Here a halt of seven hours will be made for sightseeing. Leave at 3:30 p. m. for Toronto, where from 6 to 8 p. m. it is likely the Shriners will give a reception to the visitors.

A night ride will then be made to Kingston, where those who desire can take the trip down the St. Lawrence river to Montreal, ariving at 6 p. m. A halt will be made here until 11 p. m. The next halt will be in Quebec, where, from 8 a. m., till 9 p. m., the historic sights of this ancient city can be taken in. The next stop will be made at Groveton in the White Mountains, on August 26, after which the train will run to Boston in time to get fixed in quarters before dark. The fare from Chicago for the round trip including Quebec, will be $22.00. Those who desire the boat ride on the St. Lawrence river will pay $3 additional. The expense for sleeping car privileges, which all must take who go in the special trains, is announced elsewhere. Meals will usually be taken at stations enroute, with ample time, at a cost of 50 cents each. Persons desirous of information about the location of sleeping cars in Iowa, should write to Geo. W. Bever, Cedar Rapids, or for general information to E. H. Hughes, General Western Passenger Agent, C. & G. T. Ry., 103 S. Clark St., Chicago, Ill. Nobles of the Mystic Shrine who want to go with the El-Kahir Temple train, which joins the Templar train at Chicago, should write to Jno. W. Geiger, Marion, Iowa. Full information is given in the various circulars issued, and those who wish to secure the advantages of the trip should arrange with the committees at once. Watch these columns for the location of sleepers.

For quarters in Boston or Nantasket write to Benj. W. Rowell, 28 School Street, Boston, Mass. As may be noted by the illustrations we have given from time to time, the trip is going to be full of interest. Those who are looking for a trip that will bring them back by another than the original route going can ticket so as to return via the beautiful LEHIGH VALLEY ROUTE through the grandest scenery that the states of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York afford. Every comfort to be found on any line can be had on this one, and Mr. Hughes will arrange for those who wish it on the terms allowed for travel over more than one route going and coming. We will on application, mail Circular No. 322 in which the official route is No. 5 or 6 and the preferred diverse route for Iowans, for those who wish to return by it will be No. 20.

PULPIT ROCK—GLEN ONOKO.
ON THE LINE OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY RAILWAY.

A Masonic Temple is in course of erection at Oxford, Iowa. It will be two stories high, and owned throughout by the craft. A special room is being provided for the Library already started and having about 600 volumes. Bro. Karsten has done excellent work toward the making of this commendable success in his local lodge.

Are you going to Boston?

COMMANDERIES.

CONCLAVES.

Grand Encampment, Boston, Mass., Aug. 27, 1895.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July, 1896.
Missouri Grand, St. Louis, ——— 1895.
Illinois Grand, Springfield, April 21, 1896.

GRAND COMMANDERY.

ANTE-CONCLAVE NOTES.

Only those who have once been there can appreciate the fascination it is, to meet the familiar friends and join the beloved fratres in the joys of "Festal Week." Our room was occupied on July 6, only a few had been here earlier, and they had been busily at work putting things to rights. Everything is as neat and clean as can be. The property is cared for in a capable manner and its privileges conserved to the use of any and all Templars, who wish to attend.

SATURDAY

was spent in the customary bustle of unpacking. The Izaak Walton of our circle was here and the funny tribe has either surrendered or fled to the sub-marine celery patches in fear.

Major Loring, our efficient Grand Captain General, is, except perhaps the Deputy Grand Commander, the busiest man on deck.

Saturday evening, the boulder ordered engraved with the name and title of our lamented Fratre, C. W. Eaton, was received by the Committee at Orleans, and hauled by team to the Park; here it will be placed at a suitable time, with some informal service suited to the occasion.

SUNDAY

is a quiet day—indeed a day of rest—so that until 3:00 p. m., none were much abroad.

The Grand Prelate conducted the usual service at the above hour, assisted by a choir chosen from among those present at the Park.

The need of an instrument of some kind is self evident and we trust one will be procured hereafter for the religious services at least.

The evening was spent in quiet, social conversation; the air was cooled by northern breezes and the people slept (if they were wise by experience and brought blankets enough to keep warm).

MONDAY

was spent in rest and recreation. The evening trains brought in quite a number of Knights and ladies, and the ladies band of Eldora came to hand, full of music. After supper a short concert was given and the ability of this band to fill the bill was verified.

GRAND CONCLAVE.

Tuesday morning found the number of attendants greatly increased and by the hour for opening the campus was alive with the handsome faces and splendid uniforms of the Templars.

At 9:30 a concert was given by the band which added to the interest and lightened the step of the busiest of us.

THE OPENING.

All the Grand Officers except the Treasurer were present at the opening.

The minutes of last year were approved as printed.

P. G. C. Judge Babb offered a resolution instructing the Grand Sentinel to drape the portrait of P. G. C., C. W. Eaton and place it in the Grand East.—[The fine picture from the Masonic Library was then placed on the platform while the Grand Commandery stood at "uncover"]

The Grand Commander read his annual address. Under the head of "necrology"—the death of P. G. Commander, Cyrus Walgrave Eaton, was noted. Forty fraters from the various Commanderies have the past year fallen asleep. From sister jurisdictions, were P. G. C. Pierre St. M. Andrews of Connecticut; P. G. C. John L. Philbrock of Kansas; P. G. C. Dwight Byington of Kansas; P. G. C. Herman Ely of Ohio; E. Sir Collins D. Pratt, P. G. S. W. of South Dakota; P. G. C. John Frizzell of Tennessee; Grand Recorder, E. R. Hastings and Grand Captain of the Guard Chas. L. Fuller of the same state; Grand Recorder, Robt. Macoy of New York; Grand Captain General, Multon C. Baldridge of Alabama. P. G. C. James Sorley of Texas. Under

CODE AND DIGEST

each Commandery was urged to get the Grand Encampment revision as soon as completed. The revision of our own code of statutes was recommended. Various decisions were reported as follows:

DECISIONS.

Omitting questions asked and answered by reference to the statutes or digest merely, I deem it necessary to present only the following decisions made by me.

FIRST. A companion presented his petition for the orders of Knighthood to a Commandery in Minnesota, where he then resided, and was by it elected, but came away before receiving the orders. Twenty years afterward, being a resident of Iowa, he applied for the orders to and was elected by the Commandery at his residence. Before proceeding further the question arose as to its right to confer the orders and was referred to me. I decided that the consent of the Minnesota Commandery must be first obtained, which consent must be unanimous and by ballot.

SECOND. A suspended Sir Knight can be restored to good standing by a majority vote, but can be restored to membership in the Commandery only upon petition and a unanimous vote.

THIRD. Suspension by lodge in this state for non-payment of dues suspends the Sir Knight in the Commandery.

FOURTH. A companion paid the Commandery for a uniform, received the orders, was elected prelate, and wished the money deposited for uniform returned. Held, the uniform must be furnished and the money could not be returned.

FIFTH. A "traveling man" who had no home, and was dimitted in lodge and chapter, petitioned a Commandery for the orders of Knighthood. Held, first, that the Commandery could not receive such petition of one not a resident within its jurisdiction. Second, that a candidate not in good standing in lodge or chapter is not eligible to receive the orders.

SIXTH. A Commandery under dispensation can grant a dimit to one of its members.

ST. BERNARD.

The loss of its charter by fire necessitated a dispensation for temporary work. A duplicate charter was recommended.

INSPECTION.

It is suggested that if the present plan of inspection be continued it would add much to its efficiency if each inspector could at some central location in the district meet the officers of the several Commanderies, and such others as desired, and instruct them in the method of doing the work and the drill-movements in connection therewith.

A NEW COMMANDERY

was reported under dispensation at Stuart.

TRI-ENNIAL CONCLAVE.

The arrangements already announced in general orders, heretofore published, for attending this gathering. Headquarters are at 527 and 529 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, Mass.

Other items of interest were noticed and will be brought out in the reports of Committees to whom they were severally referred.

The Grand Treasurer's report was read showing the following:

Total received, - -	$6,191.81
Total paid out, - - -	5,822.77
Balance on hand, - - -	369,04

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the Grand Commander:

CREDENTIALS—F. LeBron, G. H. Jackson, E. B. Shaw.

ADDRESSES—E. C. Blackmar, G. W. Ball, A. B. Coxe.

RETURNS CHARTERED COMMANDERIES—E. D. Humphrey, J. M. Murry, M. B. Hyatt.

COMMANDERIES UNDER DISPENSATION.—W. F. Cleveland, E. W. Smith, Geo. Bolmer.

FINANCE—W. F. Fidler, J. Bever, R. Herreman.

GRIEVANCE—J. Balkins, T. B. Allen, J. D. Callahan.

VISITORS—F. W. Craig, Geo. Goodell, W. S. Porter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—E. O. Soule, R. F. B. Portman, E. Anderson.

CHARITY—A. A. Beardsley, G. G. Zonclub, P. A. Nandell.

KNIGHTLY COURTESY—A. R. Dewey, W. I. Babb, A. Peddie.

The Grand Recorder read his report. In this report the notice of the death of Right Eminent Sir William B. Isaacs, Grand Recorder of the United States; [also filled similar pospositions in the Grand bodies of Virginia] on June 9, 1895 in Richmond, Va.

After the close of the morning session the lines were formed and the Grand Commandery marched to the spot where the memorial stone to C. W. Eaton had been laid. After prayer by the Grand Prelate, remarks were made by Past Grand Commanders W. I. Babb and A. L. Dewey. This constituted the dedicatory ceremonies of this touching occasion.

In addition the action of the Grand Commander in appointing the Committee to procure and place a boulder as a memorial to C. W. Eaton, P. G. C.

The Committee were Geo. W. Bever, E. O. Soule and J. W. Geiger.

The Committee reported. Past Grand Commander Cleaveland spoke of the incidents leading to the compliance of the Grand Commandery with the request of our deceased fratre.

The report was adopted and on motion the noon hour was selected for the placing of the stone.

It was decided that hereafter the Sir Knights may appear within the asylum in fatigue uniform.

The Committee on Grand Commander's address reported, recommending the reference of certain parts. The course pursued in regard to various matters, including that of inspections, printed above, was approved. This caution and conservatism is commended. The appointment of a committee on triennial badge and ladies' jewel was approved.

The Grand Treasurer's report was referred and that of the Grand Recorder was approved. Various special features will come up in reports yet to be presented. The report was amended so as to omit inspections for one year. The report was then adopted.

The Committee on Credentials made a partial report. Thirty-three commanderies were represented at this report.

Sir Knight J. C. W. Coxe, Committee on Correspondence, presented his report, reading the introductory portions. We do not know whether we can fully appreciate the sentence in which "men are but children of a large growth, and these triennial displays gratify an innate innocent variety of which the gentler sex can by no means claim a monopoly" occurs, yet we may not be able to judge of the true sense of the inwardness.

Sir E. C. Blackmar offered a resolution of upon the death of Mrs. Parvin and the son of the Grand Commander, and J. W. Geiger, J. C. W. Coxe and E. C. Blackmar, were appointed a committee to draft proper memorials.

The amendment to paragraph 30, section 3, of the statutes of Iowa, offered by P. G. C. W. F. Cleaveland last year, was put upon its passage. It reads as follows:

"This Grand Commandery shall hold its stated conclave annually at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa, during the second week in July, known as Templar Festal Week, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Commandery at preceding annual conclave; unless by reason of emergency, or for good cause, the Grand Commander shall see fit by general order to change the same. Special conclaves may be called by the Grand Commander at such times and places as he may order.

The tellers appointed to collect and count the ballots were F. W. Craig, M. M. Hall and F. E. Fuller.

More than two-thirds having voted in favor the amendment was declared adopted. Vote yes 111, no 6, total 117.

It was moved to appoint a Committee of three to compile in convenient form, the tactics necessary for the work in the asylum, as given in Grant's Tactics, twelfth edition, and publish the same after being approved by the Grand Commander. The resolution was adopted.

A resolution was offered making Grant's Tactics twelfth edition the standard for Iowa. It was adopted.

TUESDAY EVENING.

The dress parade at 6:30 attracted attention largely, both because of the fine display of Knights in line and the ladies band, which was to furnish the music. They came, we saw, they conquered.

At 8:00 the Officer's reception was held. Light refreshments were served. A feature of the evening was the presentation of three Templar Ladies' Jewels, to Mrs. D. W. Clements, Mrs. J. B. Atkins and Miss Carrie Loring. The addresses for the occasion, were by Sir Judge Al Dewey, Sir Senator Cleveland and Jno. W. Geiger. The ladies band then gave some evidence of the variety of their talent by rendering some splendid numbers in music—both classic and modern, and to wind up the fireworks under the direction of Sir E. O. Soule and assisting Knights.

The beautiful maltese cross, the last piece was a fitting climax to a full days pleasure.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Grand Commandery opened at 10:30 a. m. The minutes were read.

The special order was the question of tactics, which being up, Sir E. C. Blackmar presented a resolution raising a committee of three, to report next year, to revise the code of this jurisdiction so as to harmonize with the laws of the Grand Encampment. A code of trials and punishments is also to be submitted. It was adopted.

Committee on Jewel for Wives and Daughters of Knights Templar reported. The jewel as described in a former number of this journal, was approved by the Committee and their report was adopted.

Dr. Parvin called attention to some important matters likely to come before the Grand Encampment.

Report of Committee on Knightly Courtesy and Jurisprudence reported in favor of the resolution to require examination in the Red Cross before advancement, especially in the necessary sword movements. Report was adopted.

The Triennial Committee reported about what has already become generally known through circulars and itineraries. The triennial badge prepared by the committee was also presented. (A cut was published last month.) The report was adopted and the badge made official for Iowa.

The Committee on Credentials reported finally.

Committee on Chartered Commanderies reported showing a generally high average in returns. Amended to require a full return of officers in reports.

The Committee on Memorials to Mrs. Parvin and Arthur Clements reported and the report was adopted.

The Trustees of Templar Park reported. Only necessary repairs were made.

RECEIPTS.

Balance	$ 98.39
Cots	78.00
From Gr. Treasurer	500.00
Total	$676.39

EXPENDED.

Total for all Purposes	553.28
Balance on Hand	$123.11

Two o'clock was fixed for the time for electing officers.

Oriental Commandery Band made an offer of services to Boston. Referred to Triennial Committee to report this afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

The Grand Commandery opened at 2:00 p. m.

The Election being the order.

W. F. Cleaveland, J. A. Guest and James Morton were appointed tellers. The elec- of officers resulted as follows:

OFFICERS.	Votes Ball't'd	Votes Rec'd
G. C—T. B. Lacy	137	114
D. G. C—T. R. Ercanbrack	130	105
G. G—F. H. Loring	132	102
G. C. G—Geo. Woltz Bever	132	108
G. P—Jno. W. Geiger	123	106
G. S. W—J. H. Pettibone	133	111
G. J. W—D. M. Brownlee	135	89
G. T—E. B. Shaw	112	86
G. R Alf Wingate	112	112

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Grand Standard Bearer—F. E. Fuller.

Grand Sword Bearer—Alex. Peddie.

Grand Warder—S. W. W. Straight.

Grand Sentinel—Theodore Schreiner.

The Committee on jurisprudence reported on the request of the Commandery at Keokuk, and their request was granted.

They also reported on the decisions concurring in all of them.

The Committee on Commanderies under dispensation reported.

They recommend that a Charter be granted to Plymouth Commandery (57) at LeMars upon the return of their Dispensation.

They recommend a Charter to Alhambra No. (58) Stuart.

The Committee on Visitors reported "no business" out side of our own Jurisdiction.

Committee on Necrology was presented and adopted.

Committee on Charity reported that they found no occasion to exercise their duties. Report adopted.

Committee on Band to Boston reported against employing one.

Installation was placed at 10:00 a. m. tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

This was ladies night, and it was as usual a success from start to finish.

Following the official dress parade, the ladies in full uniform, led by the ladies band, executed a mock dress prade with side splitting results. Of course the Grand Prelate's duties were omitted but the take off was complete on the little omissions and errors of those who had charge. Umbrellas were the arms, and they were flourished with telling effect.

In the Asylum the Program of the eveing was in charge of Mrs. T. R. Ercanbrack and was as follows.

1. Music—Ladies Band.
2. Recitation—Miss Laura Norris.
3. Reading by Mrs. S. E. Geiger.
4. Scotch Drill—Ladies of the Band.
5. Red Cross Debate—Mrs. Ercanbrack Presiding—Respondents Mrs. Norris, Mrs. Alwater, Mrs. Blackmar.
6. Quartette—Ladies of the Band.
7. Poem—Mrs. Jackson, "Walutabel Bird."
8. Music—Ladies Band.
9. Farce—The Mystic Shrime officered as follows: Mrs. Peddie Potentate, Mrs. Blackmar Chief Rabban, Mrs. Norris High Priest, Mrs. Atkins Oriental Guide.

Arabs, Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Geiger.

Candidates—Mrs. Schreiner, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Farnham, Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. Atwater.

To say that it was laughable would be to put it tamely.

The staid old Knights when they saw Jackson's wife and ours led that Camel in just got right up and yelled, whooy!—Ha! Ha!! Ha!!!

The poems and songs used in the entertainment are reserved for next month when they will be published for use on the way to Boston and Nantasket.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The public installation of the Grand Officers took place at 10:00 o'clock.

Sir A. L. Dewey acted as installing officer; Sir E. O. Soule acted as G. C. G.; Sir E. C. Blackmar as G. P.

The business of the G. C. was resumed at 11:30.

Sir W. I. Babb offered a resolution ordering the Trustees buy a small gasoline pumping engine for the assurance of our water supply against the vagaries of the wind. Adopted.

The Grand Recorder was authorized to draw orders for the payment of the fire insurance and taxes upon Templar Park.

An amendment to the constitution to increase the Grand Commandery dues $1.50 per capita was offered and after being reported to be in due form, was laid over under the rules till next year.

A resolution ordering the preparation of jewels for Past Grand Commander resident in the jurisdiction was offered and adopted.

The Grand Commander announced the following

COMMITTEES:

On Revision of Code—Sirs D. W. Clements, W. I. Babb, W. F. Cleveland.

On K. C. and Jurisprudence—Sirs A. R. Dewey, F. W. Craig, W. H. Norris.

On Asylum Tactics—Sirs E. O. Soule, Jas. A. Guest, Geo. W. Bever.

On Fraternal Correspondence— Sirs J. C. W. Coxe, W. H. Hart, Frank Le Bron.

Trustee—Sir Alf. Wingate, five years.

Tri-ennial Committee—Sirs D. W. Clements, W. I. Babb, W. F. Cleveland, T. B. Lacy, Geo. W. Bever, Secretary.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Grand Commandery resumed business at 2:30.

The case of Honorius No. 8, and A. E. Smith has been finally amicably settled and the matter disposed of.

The Trustees made their final report.

Noticing the pleasures resultant from the presence of the families of Sir Knights, the ladies' band was complimented and an invitation extended to all to come next year.

The representive to the Grand Commandery of Kansas forwarded a written salutation.

A reception to the Sir Knights and their ladies at the Orleams was announced for this evening and the same was informally accepted.

The Grand Recorder read the minutes of yesterday and today for approval.

The lines were formed and the Grand Commandery closed in form.

Just as the Sir Knights were leaving the Asylum, Sir E. C. Blackmar set up the following

YELL:

I–I–I–Iowa,
We are the Knights from I–o–wa.

All are asked to practice it for use going to and in Boston.

From St. John's Commandery No. 4, of Philadelphia, Pa., we received another beautiful notice, this time of a conclave on June 18. The keeping of Boston before the eyes of their membership from month to month is a good thing.

Sidney Smith and wife have settled in Cedar Rapids. Sid is with the Equitable Life of N. Y., and may be seen about town as chipper as ever; no longer, but wider.

NEVER FORGET.

A SUGGESTIVE EXHORTATION TO THE NEWLY-MADE KNIGHT TEMPLAR.

BY ROB. MORRIS.

(From Autograph Collection of T. S. Parvin's in Iowa Masonic Library.)

Never forget, brave Comrade, while you live,
The ties of which the Templar's arm is wound;
Never forget a Templar to forgive
If in his breast a kindred-heart is found;
Never forget, though rust and sin may soil,
And lewd desires your bosom-tablet stain,
There is full pardon after life's turmoil.
If you but trust in "Him who rose again!"
Never forget! Never forget!

Never forget the sad, sad story told
This hour of treason in Gethsemane!
Never forget the good Cyrenian bold
Who bore the sufferer's cross so manfully!
Never forget the taper quenched in night
The darkened room, the silent group around!
Never forget the jubilant delight,
When in his place a worthier was found!
Never forget! Never forget!

Never forget to live the Templar's life,
Though hard it may be, rough, and fraught with care,
Our work, we told you, 'tis a constant strife,
We promised you but coarse and scanty fare!
Not long the weary arm, the mouldy crust,—
See! On Celestial Plains our camps are set!
Strike and press on, brave Comrade, as you must!
"By This Sign Conquer!" Do thou ne'er forget!
Never forget! Never forget!

A K. T. REVIVAL.

Beauseant Commandery, No. 12, K. T., of this city, is just now enjoying a great revival of interest in Templary. This week the Commandery has held a two days' session in which the following persons have been received into Knighthood, viz:—Messrs. Jno. N. Eddy, H. H. Stillwell, J. C. Crawford, M. D., E. Dillenberg, L. A. Howe, M. W. Eaton, G. W. Hayes, and James H. McGhee, most of them being well-known citizens of Waukon. On Tuesday the Beauseants were assisted by Past Grand Commander E. O. Soule, of Iowa Falls, Mr. John Hamilton, Cedar Rapids, and Mr. John Scott, of Calmar; and yesterday these were reinforced by D. W. Clements, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Iowa, and E. B. Shaw, Commander, P. A. Mandell, Past Commander, Wm. Kinsey, Junior Warden, W. S. Webster and Henry Meyers, all of Langridge Commandery, at West Union; also by A. Kramer and Henry Meyer, of Honorious Commandery at McGregor.

It is many years since an occasion of such importance to Templary has occurred in this part of the state, and the event will be a noteworthy one in the annals of Beauseant Commandery. On Tuesday evening they banqueted with caterer Daubney, and last evening at the Winnesheik House.—*Decorah Republican*, June 13.

Low Rates to Boston and Return via Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

On account of the Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor Meeting and the Knights Templar Conclave at Boston, Mass., the Baltimore & Ohio R. R., will sell excursion tickets at the rate of one fare for the round trip going and returning by the same route. Circuitous route tickets will also be sold at rate of 60 per cent. of the sum of the first-class limited fares via the routes selected.

Tickets will be on sale for the Christian Endeavor meeting from July 5th to 9th, inclusive, and will be good for return until July 22d, but are subject to an extension until July 31st, 1895.

Tickets will be on sale for the Knights Templar Conclave from August 19th to 25th, inclusive, and will be good to return until September 10th, subject to an extension until September 30th, 1895.

For further information call on or address L. S. Allen, Asst. Gen'l Passenger Agent, Chicago, Illinois.

During the encampment at Templar Park, MR. O. M. MORRIS made some beautiful negatives of the gathering. No. 1, Officers and Ladies Band; No. 2, Commandery Dress Parade; No. 3, General Group, 123 faces, all good; No. 4, "Old Maids;" No. 5, Ladies Band. All pictures are 11x14, mounted on card 16x20; price 75 cents each. All those wishing one or more of these handsome souvenirs can secure them by addressing the photographer at Dubuque, Iowa.

THE EASTERN STAR.

GRAND BODIES MEET.

General Grand Chapter, Boston, Mass., August 27, 1895.
Iowa Grand Chapter, Charles City, October 23-24, 1895.

We are glad to have the folks miss this department from last month's number. It shows that some few consider it of interest.

Sister Maria Jackson, our efficient Grand Secretary, of Iowa, has been visiting among the neighboring Grand Chapter of Colorado, at Denver.

Petitions for Dispensations for Chapters are about filled out for Marion and Cedar Rapids, and the Institution of both will take place about July 25th.

From Magi Chapter 139, of Boone, we hear good news through Bro. C. Tuttle Ballou. Reading and recitations, with vocal music in parlor programs, enlivens the social features. Sister Ballou is the efficient Worthy Matron reported in 1894. They want to know where to get good selections for the above style of entertainments.

After the close of the regular session, June 4, '95, Lyons Chapter No. 130, O. E. S., through their Worthy Patron, W. C. Bush, presented their W. M., Mrs. A. T. Pierpont, with a beautiful emblematic ring, with diamond center. It was designed by a member of the Chapter. Choice refreshments were served. It was a complete surprise throughout to the Worthy Matron.

MORE ABOUT BOSTON.

In conversation with James Morton, Esq., the General Passenger and Ticket Agent of the B., C. R. & N. Railway, we were informed that exceptional comforts have been secured for the SIX cars already secured for different points along the line. The cars are the latest Pullman vestibuled sleepers, lighted with Pintsch gas, and particularly adapted for summer travel. They are upholstered in light, figured hair cloth. Arrangements will be made for those who wish to leave out the Quebec side trip; the route is the same as the official one; these cars will go via The Grand Trunk Railway from Chicago. The fare will be $19; with the St. Lawrence river trip $22. Sleeper fare, one double berth $7. The plan is to have this train reach Boston on Monday forenoon, August 26, or if desired more time can be taken in the White Mountain regions and arrive in the afternoon.

A fine Itinerary has been issued, giving diagrams of all the sleepers; those wishing information should write James Morton, Esq., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, or to the person in charge where cars are to be stationed.

No finer train will go east over any road than this one is intended to be.

EL-KAHIR'S CARS—The Recorder will receive applications for allotments for Nobles and their ladies for the one or more sleeping cars to go to Boston from Cedar Rapids. Those who come first will have the preference. Those who desire us to secure quarters for them at Nantasket during the two days of the Imperial Council, should write promptly.

The first stage of our eastern journey will be enhanced by the presence of a Pullman Diner and the meal served enroute will be the same as usuall served but at a cost to our party of only 50 cents each.

GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

To Bro. W. H. Mayo, Grand Recorder, for the Official Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Missouri for 1895.

To Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Grand Secretary, for the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S. of Indiana, 1895.

To Bro. John A. Gerow, Grand Recorder for the proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, 1895.

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WHY ABUSE US.

Some of the criticisms upon our Order remind us of the extravagant interpretation of the old deacon on the parables of our Lord. On the gnat and camel lesson he rendered it that "some men" strain at a *knot* and swallow the *sawmill.*" Were one half the things true that are said against the Shrine, by those who have the means of knowing better, it would still deserve the same chance that all other fraternities transplanted from the orient, have had. All that talk about it being a Mohammedan Order, or its holding the Koran as the great light, is idle and untrue. The Holy Scriptures, under the law, must be upon the altar, and so in use for the usual purposes. The members of our Order are not schismatists in any of the fraternities to which they belong. The Imperial Council has never in any manner assumed an attitude of opposition to any tenet of Freemasonry. When local bodies have chosen to annoy them by opposing their meetings in their halls, they have quietly gone elsewhere and minded their own affairs. We might go on at length in statements explanatory, but it is needless so to do. The action of the Grand Commander in a western jurisdiction, in attacking the Order through his annual address, was uncalled for, and the silence of the committee who reported on his recommendations, evidently indicates the better sense of his fraters, over his own. We can conceive of such a tirade (possible but not likely to occur) against the Order that the present pre-requisites might be changed; but nothing will now ever be able to lower the high and improving character of its membership. Would it not be far better to encourage us in the correction of abuses; speak well of the tendency to benevolence rather than to expensive social display, and to bid us God speed than to heap needless abuse upon us? We are no whit less opposed to wrong doing in one place than another, and our voice and pen shall ever be used against them but in this case we know whereof we affirm that it is unfair for any of our contemporaries to throw their influence against the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. It will not succeed and it will not pay.

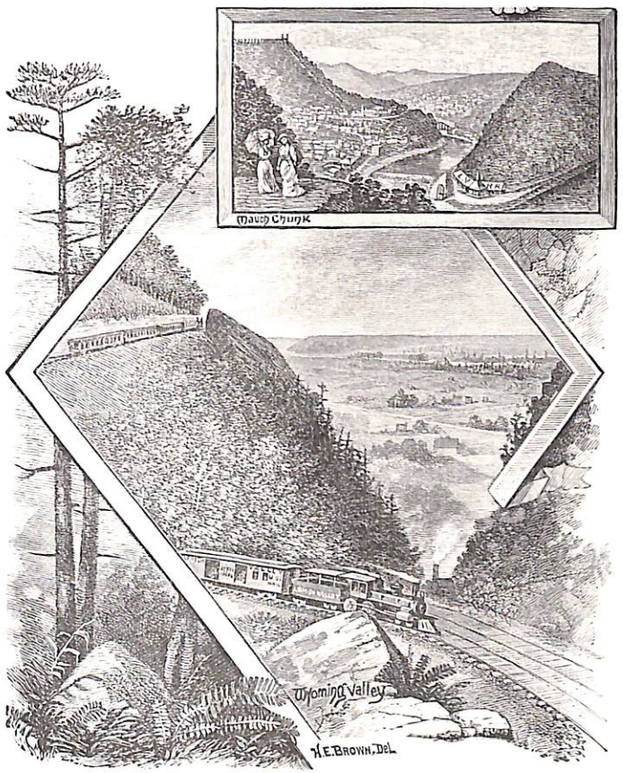
RATES IN BOSTON.

A brief letter from the Imperial Rocorder and Secretary of the Triennial Committee in Boston, informs us that "you can secure good rooms in Boston for $1.00 per night per person, and you can get first class accommodations for $2.00; you can also get room and board for $2.50 and $3.50 per day." At Nantasket "there will be plenty of other quarters besides the Rockland, as there are some fine hotels in the immediate vicinity." Those who contemplate going should get this fixed in their minds or cut it out and paste it in their hats.

General Jones, who was in our city a short time ago, was made a Mason in 1824. He outranks Dr. Parvin by 14 years in his age as a Mason, while the Dr. stands 14 years ahead of all others in Iowa.

...The FEZ....

Devoted to the Interests of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in North America.



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TRIBAL GATHERINGS.

Imperial Council, Nantasket, Mass., Sept. 2 and 3, 1895.
El Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Iowa Annual, Dec. 11, 1895.
Kaaba, Davenport, Iowa, Annual.

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[We will here give the names of Representatives, date of their election, and name of Temple. Recorders will please forward returns on receipt of this.]

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EL-KAHIR TEMPLE.

As this Journal now reaches every Recorder in America each month, and goes into the hands of a large number of nobles regularly; we have decided to use this column for such official announcements as may be deemed necessary from time to itme.

JNO. W. GEIGER, Recorder.

MISSING NOBLES.

Somewhere amid the sandy wastes of the desert, the following members of El-Kahir have been lost, and as they are not in possession of Passports of good standing, Recorders of Temples will confer a favor if they will notify us whenever one turns up among his flock. Our own Nobles can aid us by giving information about either of the following:

NAMES.	LAST POST OFFICE.
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Abner Graves,	Chicago, Ill.

Sioux City and Perry are in line—for dates in October either consecutive with or following Eldora.

The immortal thirteen of Eldora, have been capturing the scattered Arabs around their grass plact and October 2d, will witness the El-Kahir Caravan in full motion.

El-Kahir has a number of her nobles who forget or neglect to keep the Recorder informed of their address; this tangles our work and will some day annoy the careless noble.

The Recorder is in receipt of a beautiful Memorial Salutation from Mecca Temple, to El-Kahir Temple on account of our great loss in the death of our Potentate, Cyrus Waldgrave Eaton; it is engrossed on parchment and duly signed in the name of Mecca Temple of New York. It will be presented at the next meeting.

The Recorder still has a lot of fine imported fezes on hand, which he would like to close out; they are first-class goods and will out-wear any cheaper grade. Get a new one for the Imperial trip in September.

The circulars for the Boston trip are out and we look for a rush after places on the various cars going to Boston from our Oasis. Where cars over local lines are stationed near by, we intend to return applications to the person in charge, if we know who it is.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

In the course of business last year at Denver, the Imperial Council decided to postpone action in the matter of establishing a Temple at Wilkesbarre, Pa., for the reason that "no individual appearing before your committee, or any announcement that consent of the nearest Temple had been granted." The same action, for the same reasons was taken regarding Charlotte, N. C. The application of Charlestown, W. Va., was laid over until the next session of the council.

The question of incorporating the Imperial Council, is to be referred to a committee of three to be appointed by the Imperial Potentate, to report at the next session.

THE ORDER.

It is an organization, which, while it devotes itself especially to the *social* welfare of its members, teaches respect to virtue, promotes the inculcation of honor and integrity, and dispenses charity. As introduced into christian countries it is devoid of all Islamism, and is in harmony with christian ideas and law. It has no parentage or authority from, or affiliation with, any existing organization, nor does it profess to teach mysteries belonging to, or used by, any secret society other than itself.—Declaration, *Saladin Temple.*

AMONG THE TEMPLES.

The heat of summer seems to make no perceptible difference in the zeal of the nobility to form Caravans.

ARARAT extends us invitations for their informal receptions on Friday evenings, June 28 and July 26.

OSIRIS, Wheeling, W. Va., is unterrified by the scorching rays of the summer sun and will go to the Casino, Wheeling Park, on July 19, to answer the call of the unregenerate sons of the desert who venture near.

INDIA, Oklahoma City, Ok., turns up a high stepper for June 27th, with the sounds of trumpets before them. The Recorder perpetrates some mighty funny puns on the names of the Official Divan. Hurrah! for India Temple, anyhow!

MOILA, St. Joseph, Mo., Friday, June 21, was their day out to Kirksville, Mo., and if we may judge of the time they had by the speed of their camels, when the Kodak took 'em, we don't wonder that it hailed up here in Iowa four days after.

KAABA, Davenport.—We are informed that our neighbor will go in the same train with El-Kahir, as far as Chicago, on the way to Boston; from Chicago they go east over the Erie line via New York. Their circulars and itinerary are promised early this month.

PALESTINE, Providence, R. I., puts us under many obligations to them for their splendid and interesting history. It not only gives a full and susinct outline of the institution of the Temple, first at Newport, and its later removal to Providence, its growth and members, but it gives us groupes and single portraits of familiar and strange faces. It will be treasured and preserved. Palestine went to Pawtucket, on June 24.

MECCA Temple has forwarded a finely engrossed memorial of C. W. Eaton, to El-Kahir Temple by the hands of their Illustrious Recorder, S. R. Ellison.

MOUNT SINAI, Mont Pelier, Vermont, made a pilgrimage to Newport, Vt., on July 9, and judging from the notice they had a lot of fun with the "Lady of the Lake" while abroad.

KAABA Temple is out with a circular announcing their intention to go to Boston on a special train via the C., R. I. & P., and Erie Routes. They will join El-Kahir as far as Chicago, so we understand.

The Imperial Recorder has forwarded the Imperial notices of suspensions and expulsions from Temples, also the list of officers (July 1, 1895) and the amendments offered to the constitution. The latter we will give in full next month.

ZUHRAH, Minneapolis, has our profound regrets that we cannot be with them at Austin, Minn., on July 10, (At Grand Commandery that date.) We've no doubt that they will have a grand time. The usual notice has been received.

EL-JEBEL, Denver, out does the telegraph and bottle acts of the oddities in notices by sending us the sacred POLI-DEL, with the notice that it is the "working tool" for the Ceremonial Session of June 17. The proclamation accompanies the bat.

OUR PERSONAL THANKS

To Noble Alf Wingate for promptly informing us of two missing El-Kahir Nobles.

To Noble Ezra Nuckols of Eldora for information of a missing Noble.

To Noble P. J. Martin, of Hubbard, for like information on same name as above.

Affability mixed with tact in due proportion will crowd the attendance at meetings for business or work. Let those who run read.

GEN. BENJ. F. BUTLER.

It will serve to add interest to the fact, for those who bought "Butler's Book" from a Mason's widow in the western cities, to tell about his Masonic career. We glean from the proceedings of the Massachusetts Council of Deliberations N. M. J. for 1894.

Gen. Butler was 75 years of age at the time of his death, Jan. 11, 1893. He was raised to the degree of Master Mason, Dec. 3, 1846 in Pentucket Lodge, Lowell, Mass. Exalted to the R. A. Degree, February 12, 1855, in Mt. Horeb Chapter; and created a Knight Templar, June 19, 1855, in Pilgrim Commandery. Between the dates above and 1864 he was admitted to the degrees of the Scottish Rite for he was installed as an Honorary S. I-G 33° of the Northern M. J., March 16, 1864.

During the late war, General Butler issued the following General Order (No. 38) in his department of the Army:

WHEREAS, The Government of the United States, in its efforts for the preservation of the Union is not warring upon charitable, benevolent organizations, and certain proper, worthy and responsible persons representing the Masonic Fraternity, have requested to be placed in quiet possession, as trustees, of the property of the same, in this city (Newbern.) It is ordered

First, That all the buildings and appurtenances of the said Fraternity be immediately turned over to the following named persons: A. A. Rice, J. B. Knot and W. C. Crowell.

Second, The above named trustees will give a proper receipt for the property to the Provost-Marshal of North Carolina. —[See Moore's Freemason's Magazine, August, 1864.]

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Give the kicker room. A whole room to himself would be best. He has his place, but it is seldom in the lodge room of Masonry.

AMONG EXCHANGES.

The July *Midland* (Des Moines) is out. Its pictures delight the eye and its contents please.

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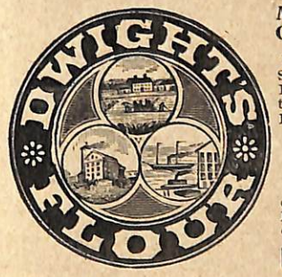

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